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SUBJECT: PROPOSED AUSTRIAN SECURITY COUNCIL INITIATIVE ON
MIDEAST

1. AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR HALUSA CALLED ON ACTING SECRETARY
RUSH MAY 16 TO PRESENT LETTER FROM FOREIGN MINISTER
KIRCHSCHLAGER CONTAINING PROPOSED AUSTRIAN INITIATIVE ON
MIDDLE EAST. AUSTRIAN INITIATIVE WOULD CALL ON UN TO WORK
OUT WITH BOTH SIDES SERIES OF STEP BY STEP CONCESSIONS
ACCORDING TO AGREED TIMETABLE. AMBASSADOR HALUSA INDICATED
THAT PROPOSAL BASED ON METHOD USED BY AUSTRIA AND ITALY IN
RESOLVING SOUTH TYROL DISPUTE WHICH ALSO 'AS LONG LASTING
PROBLEM INVOLVING LEGAL DEADLOCK. ADVANTAGE OF PROPOSAL IS
THAT IT PUTS LEGAL ISSUES ASIDE AND FOCUSES DISCUSSION ON
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PRACTICAL MATTERS. HALUSA STATED THAT AUSTRIANS PREPARED TO RAISE PROPOSAL AT FORTHCOMING SC MEETING IF US CONSIDERS THAT IT HAS MERIT, BUT WOULD AWAIT US REACTION BEFORE UNDERTAKING FURTHER ACTION ON MATTER.

2. ACTING SECRETARY REVIEWED CURRENT MIDDLE EAST IMPASSE ALONG FAMILIAR LINES AND INDICATED THAT WE BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE TO CONTINUE OUR CURRENT EFFORTS RATHER THAN TO TURN MIDDLE EAST MATTER OVER TO UN. HE INDICATED THAT US NONETHELESS APPRECIATED AUSTRIAN VIEWS, AND WOULD STUDY AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL AND PROVIDE GOA WITH US ASSESSMENT.

3. FULL TEXT OF KIRCHSCHLAGER LETTER BEING POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES. RUSH

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